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PRIORITY CONTROL**INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT
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Sir:

In accordance with the duty of disclosure under 37 C.F.R. § 1.56, Applicant hereby notifies the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office of the documents which are listed on the attached Form PTO-1449 and/or listed herein and which the Examiner may deem material to patentability of the claims of the above-identified application.

1. Japanese Laid-Open Patent Application No. 2-87747, published March 28, 1990.
2. Japanese Laid-Open Patent Application No. 5-191455, published July 30, 1993.
3. Japanese Laid-Open Patent Application No. 7-154421, published June 16, 1995.
4. Japanese Laid-Open Patent Application No. 9-205441, published August 5, 1997.
5. Japanese Laid-Open Patent Application No. 10-23012, published January 23, 1998.

One copy of each of the listed documents is submitted herewith.

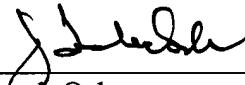
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In compliance with the concise explanation requirement under 37 C.F.R. § 1.98(a)(3) for foreign language documents, Applicant states that the above references are discussed within the specification beginning at page 5, line 21, page 7, line 11, page 8, lines 7 and 22, page 9, line 7.

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